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## RURAL BROADBAND AUCTIONS TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES WEBINAR TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS PUT FORTH IN THE MOBILITY FUND PHASE II CHALLENGE PROCESS COMMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

WC Docket No. 10-90 WC Docket No. 10-208

On October 18, 2017, the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force (Task Force), along with the Wireline Competition Bureau and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (the Bureaus), released the Mobility Fund Phase II (MF-II) Challenge Process Comment Public Notice, which seeks comment on detailed proposals for conducting the MF-II Challenge Process.

The Task Force and Bureaus will host a webinar about the proposed challenge process on **November 1, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET**.

Topics covered in the webinar will include:

- proposed procedures for generating the initial map of areas eligible for MF-II support;
- proposed procedures for challenges, covering:
  - o requirements for provider-approved handsets;
  - o requirements for speed tests and response evidence;
  - o how submitted challenge and response evidence is evaluated by the automated system validations; and
  - o information about accessing the challenge process portal.

The webinar will be streamed live with open captioning over the Internet. The web address, login, and dial-in information can be found on the "MF-II Challenge Process Webinar" event page: <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2017/11/mf-ii-challenge-process-webinar">https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2017/11/mf-ii-challenge-process-webinar</a>. Before and during the event, questions can be emailed to <a href="mailto:mf2challengeprocess@fcc.gov">mf2challengeprocess@fcc.gov</a>. After the event, a recording of the workshop will be available for streaming from the event page. The email address <a href="mailto:mf2challengeprocess@fcc.gov">mf2challengeprocess@fcc.gov</a> will remain available for questions.

Participation in the webinar is not a pre-requisite for participating in the proceeding or for applying to bid in the auction, but we strongly encourage potential applicants to view the event. We remind potential auction participants that comments on the proposed challenge process are due on November 8, 2017, and reply comments are due on November 29, 2017.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation and how to contact you if we need more information. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Comment Sought on Mobility Fund Phase II Challenge Process Procedures and Technical Implementation, DA 17-1027, *Public Notice*, WC Docket No. 10-90, WC Docket No. 10-208 (Oct. 18, 2017).

to fill. Email <u>fcc504@fcc.gov</u> or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For additional information on this event, contact Cecilia Sulhoff at  $\underline{\text{Cecilia.Sulhoff@fcc.gov}}$  or 202-418-0587.

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